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The Church of God Evangel

CLEVELAND, TENN.




MATT. 28:19.




MARK 16:15

GOD'S LOVE



ZENO C. THARP, *Supt. of Education*

THE GROUND OF



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

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NOTICES

From the Field

I am now giving my entire time to the ministry. Anyone may get in touch with me at the address given below. I have had a severe attack of flu, so please pray for my complete healing as it has left me in a bad nervous condition.—Rev. J. F. Jenkins, Congo, Rd., N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

Any Church of God worker in the area, please contact Pvt. Leonard Martin, 1st Observation Battalion, Battery A, Fort Bragg, N. C., who is unsaved.—Theodore Martin, 20 Marion St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The Montana and Western Canada state convention will convene at the Church of God, located at 4th and Boulevard in Lewistown, Mont., May 8-11. We are looking for some out-of-state ministers—the overseers of Washington and the Dakotas. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, is expected to be with us. Entertainment will be free as far as possible. Everybody is welcome.—John Sharp, overseer of Montana and W. Canada, Box 174, Harlowton, Mont.

The Roanoke, Va., district convention mission offering was \$103.00; last year it was \$60.00.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer of Virginia.

My new address is Church of God, 12½ Benefit St., Worcester, Mass.—Gerard M. Searles.

District Conventions

Weatherford, Tex., district convention, at Fort Worth, Tex., April 4-6. J. T. Melton, district pastor.

Flint, Mich., district convention, at West Side Church of God, 1057 Hughes St., Flint, Mich., April 4-6. C. W. Florence, district pastor.

A Prayer Warrior

Sister Henrietta Lawson, 1214 Bay Ave., Mobile, Ala., has sent out thousands of anointed cloths, and has a tremendous amount of letters of testimony as to what God has done. Sometimes she sends as many as 300 letters in two days. Some of these cloths she prayed over for as much as fifty hours. Anyone sending cloths to be anointed should send postage.—H. L. Chessier, overseer of Alabama.

Telegram

North Carolina moves on. Six North Carolina district conventions have raised \$2,488.25. Just closed a convention at

Kannapolis, one of the greatest I have ever attended. Mission offering was \$1,012.72. Erwin \$102.28, Gastonia \$300.45, Wilmington \$215.25, Charlotte \$307, Lenoir \$550.55; Total \$2,488.25. This does not include our one-dollar-per-member mission drive.—Earl P. Pulk, state overseer.

NEW CHURCH SET IN ORDER

WINTER GARDEN, Fla.—We are overjoyed to write about our new church being set in order at Winter Garden, Fla., with eleven members. We have been having mission work going on since July. Brother Channel of Apopka set a tent down in July and we really praise God for Brother and Sister Channel. They have really sacrificed to carry on the work of God to see souls saved and enjoying this real salvation that Jesus shed His precious blood for. Husband and I came here two years ago, leaving our church back home which was really on fire for God. We spent the winter here; not a Church of God sermon did we hear all winter. We began to pray for a Church of God preacher to come into Winter Garden and for God to give us a church. Praise God, He put it on Brother Channel to come in answer to our prayer. Thank God that the God we are serving is alive and will answer prayer. He says He will never leave nor forsake us. We have our Sunday school and Y. P. E. going nicely. Our average attendance in Sunday school is about seventy-five; sometimes we have as high as ninety. We are worshiping in a tent which we sisters made with some of the brothers' assistance. Pray that God will give us a building, we need one so much. We have such a nice band of young people who are really interested in God's work.

The district fellowship meeting was held at our tent last Monday night. A large crowd was present. Brother W. S. Wilemon, pastor of Orlando Church of God, did the preaching. Brother Paul Taylor and many more ministers of God were present. Brother Taylor, our district overseer, set our church in order after the good blessings of the fellowship meeting. Our state overseer, Brother Ellis, was with us Friday night, Jan. 31, and did some real preaching. Pray for the little church at Winter Garden.—Mrs. Alfred Birdshaw, Box 1209, Ocoee, Fla.

Gaining New Victories

GRAND LEDGE, Mich.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to His people. I am glad to say the Grand Ledge Church of God is still holding the fort and gaining new victories as we journey home.

We were privileged to have Brother Dill Delph in a three weeks' meeting in December. God wonderfully encouraged the saints and the church was built up. While the enemy rages God still knows

how. The church here at Grand Ledge has had a battle, but the Lord is bringing us out. At present we are in a revival with Sister Mary Denny as evangelist. The Lord is blessing; people are getting stirred, realizing the need of a revival of old time religion. Some nights the power of God falls in the old-fashioned way until we don't have any preaching service.

Please hold us up in prayer that God will send us new blood in our midst and that this place will rise and shine for Him.—Lawrence M. Peabody, 212 Harrison St.

Salvation Is Real

LORETTO, Tenn.—Dear Saints of God, I praise God for old time salvation, something I can feel deep down in my soul and know it is real. I praise God for victory over sin and Satan and for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His healing power. He healed my little boy of the flu and a severe cough which followed. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify of it.—Mrs. Abner A. Smith, Rt. 1.

Great Victory in Whitesburg, Ky.

SECO, Ky.—I praise the Lord for His blessings. When I came to the Letcher district in October, as soon as I could get around I went to Whitesburg to see how the people were doing there. There hadn't been any services there for some few months. We had no place for service only the courthouse. Everything I heard was discouraging but I said, "God can give us a good church in Whitesburg." So I started service on every Tuesday night. Our attendance increased each time. Finally Brother E. R. Waller said he felt impressed to come to Whitesburg for a revival. Arrangements were made and Brother Waller came. The meeting continued five weeks. Twenty-three were saved, fourteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Brother Bee Day was faithful and on the job to help make the revival a success. Brother Day is a good preacher. The Pentecostal folks surely worked hard and faithfully with us and we appreciate their service. The meeting closed with everybody feeling a good spirit and a mind to work together and hoping to see a Church of God building in Whitesburg before the year passes.

Pray for us in the work here. Love to all.—J. L. Guthrie, district overseer.

The person who works the hardest and saves the most of what he earns is the one who gets ahead the quickest, so it is with the Y. P. E. and Sunday School. The ones who try the hardest to win members, and then keep them, usually always win out in every contest.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Keep Thyself Pure

W. G. LIGHTE

Text, "Keep thyself pure," 1 Timothy 5:22.

"Pure" means "real, unadulterated."—Webster.

When man was created, he was made in the likeness of God and placed in the Garden of Eden to have charge of it. Without doubt he was pure as the driven snow; fresh from the hands of God without spot, stain or blemish. With the coming of the enemy of all righteousness, we find that man, in weakness, fell from his high and kingly estate, to degradation and despair. His heart became contaminated with sin, which sin has followed man to this present age.

What a pitiful sight—man, fresh from the portals of glory, pure and undefiled as the dew of the morning, now a castaway, driven from the home prepared for him by God. All of this—the consequence of not "keeping thyself pure."

Although fallen and disobedient, God loved man and made provisions whereby he could retain his integrity and place with God. St. John 3:16. Jesus, the matchless Son of God, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, came upon the scene, in obedience to the will of God, to seek out and redeem the poor, misguided, wretched man, and to set him aright. Through the works and miracles of Jesus, as recorded in the Scriptures, we understand that He, while here on earth, had the power to forgive man of his actual sins which he had committed, but, in order to eradicate that inbred sin, the old man, the Adamic nature in the heart of man, it was necessary for Jesus to shed His blood on the cruel cross of Calvary. At the very moment this was accomplished, God's plan of salvation for the human family was made complete. That inbred sin in the heart of man can now be removed and the heart made *pure* by the blood of Jesus.

It cost heaven a tremendous price to purify the heart of man and God was willing to pay that price that man may meet the requirements to obtain his rightful inheritance. Jesus was willing to be used as the price, and man should be willing to accept the remedy and abide by it. To have a pure heart should be the ideal of every man. A pure diamond, a pure pearl, a pure ruby, all have their limited price, but, thank God, the heart of man, made pure by the precious blood of our Lord, is incomparable. It not only brings peace and comfort to man in this evil and sin-cursed world, it not only drives doubts and fear away, but it is the admission ticket to see God Himself. "Blessed are the PURE IN HEART FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD."—(Jesus)

The remedy has been administered to the heart of man, cleansing it from every stain and making it pure and holy in the sight of God. God looks on the heart of man instead of the outward appearance. We may not, and cannot, please everyone. There are some who would criticize regardless of how close to God a man walked, but, regardless of our outward appearance, **GOD KNOWS OUR HEART CONDITION**, and will reward us accordingly. There are some who like to be decked in the fine array that this world affords. There are some who prefer to show a good outward appearance rather than adorn the inner man. There are some who delight in making themselves conspicuous in the eye of the public. There are some who cater to those who are fat in worldly goods, attempting to please them in every way. But God knows their hearts, and the Word plainly states that if we have respect of person we commit sin. You may be able to preach like the apostle Paul; you may be successful in the ministry as far as reaching lost souls is concerned; your record may show of glowing successes in all you undertake, but, if we have respect of person, we commit sin. He that has a **PURE HEART** will not allow such practices to overtake him.

Paul in writing to Timothy states, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart." 1 Tim. 1:5a. From this scripture we understand that there is a possibility of charity being shown out of an impure heart. There is the love of the mother for her children. Although this mother may have never experienced that wonderful work of heart purification by the blood of Jesus, nevertheless, within her heart there is that mother love for her young ones. There are no perils that she will not dare to risk in order to bring safety and protection for her own against the oncoming foe. A mother's love is the greatest of all earthly loves, God's gift to every mother; but, oh! my friends, this love could not be compared with the love that God implants in the heart of His people, which love, out of a **PURE HEART**, is far beyond the human understanding. Therefore, if we fail to show this love in our every walk of life, at home, at work, at church, we may rest assured that there is something wrong with our **HEARTS** and that we shall never gain the portals of glory. There are those who will slander their brother, that will turn deaf ears and cast aside their eyes to some poor unfortunate brother who has stumbled and fallen in the way. They may proclaim themselves a **GOOD SAMARITAN** but

their fruits cry aloud to the contrary.

After the heart has been purified by the precious blood of Jesus, I am made to believe that there is nothing that can contaminate this heart except *man himself*. We hear Paul speaking in Romans 8:38, "For I am persuaded, that neither **DEATH, NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS, NOR PRINCIPALITIES, NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR HEIGHT, NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD**, which is in **CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD**." When we hear this determined declaration of Paul it should cause us to examine our hearts and see if **WE** are severing the anchor line between God and us. It is our duty and great responsibility to keep our hearts pure and unadulterated. A thorough search, a close examination, may disclose some facts of which we are not aware. We hear Jeremiah say, "**THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS**," Jer. 17:9. But when the blood which was shed on Calvary's cross is once applied to the heart, it eradicates deceit, and fills the heart with **PURE, UNADULTERATED LOVE**. The good psalmist David says in Psalm 77:6, "I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own **HEART**: and my **SPIRIT** made diligent search." The most precious blessings I have ever received have been when I have hid away with God and communed with Him and my **HEART**. I truly believe it would do a world of good if we, the Christian world, would forget ourselves for a season, hide away with God *alone* and commune with our *hearts*. The condition of the world today is very bad, with the finger of time pointing to greater calamities in the future. We are undoubtedly in the **LAST DAYS**, and the coming of the Lord for His people is near at hand. It would be a dreadful thing, after so much hardship, after so much toil and worry, after God has paid the price, after Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for us, to be as the **FIVE FOOLISH VIRGINS** and be left outside to enter into the **GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD**. Are we asleep to some of the facts of God's Word; are we so very very careful to measure up to some particular point and omit some of the **WEIGHTIER MATTERS**? Matt. 23:23.

Gal. 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us **FREE**, and be not entangled **AGAIN** with the yoke of bondage." Thank God, we have been made free from the snares of the enemy through and by the grace of God. It is inconceivable to think that God would set a man **FREE** from the enemy and not also make provisions whereby he can retain this freedom, but there is something for you and me to do.

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Bible Training School

PROGRESS is usually observed most by those who have been out of touch for a while with that in which they are interested and have later made investigation, who suddenly observe the great growth that has taken place while they were away or out of touch with it. The man who watches his garden every morning and evening can hardly tell that it grows. But this has certainly not been true with those who have been in constant touch with the Church of God through these many years and have watched its various departments, because the improvement, the progress and the growth has been so marked that even those who have been constantly in its employ have wondered in awe at its remarkable growth.

One of the outstanding departments observed in this progress has been that of the Church of God Bible School which is now located at Sevierville, Tennessee. It was the happy privilege of your Editor to attend the closing exercises of the 1940-41 term of the Bible Training School. Many different such closings have been attended but this one seemed to be outstanding because after all it is to be the last closing of the school as it has been run for several years, for these exercises left the dying echoes of a Bible Training School which faded for a while but suddenly are to be amplified into the announcement that the Bible Training School has not died but has taken on a new form and is to become a Church of God College of Liberal Arts, and what could be a greater consolation to the younger ministry and the Church in general than to know that a school is to be maintained by the Church of God for the preparation and mental establishment of a great army of ministers to carry on in the future that which pioneer preachers from every walk of life have labored and sacrificed to establish?

We learn from the Superintendent, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, that this past term has been well attended, a large number of students coming from all over the United States, taking up practically all available space. In a message at the close of the commencement exercises, Rev. Tharp insisted that all who wish

to attend the college this coming year would fill out applications well in advance because of the anticipated large number which would want to come, and that naturally the applications which came in first would be, if otherwise acceptable, the first chosen for the 1941-1942 term or the first term of the college.

The school will be no longer a six months' school but is to be a full nine months' course. The tuition will be some higher for the college course than for the Bible training course but the increase will be negligible and the price of board will be the same for all students. The principal increase in tuition and board will be due to the fact that the school is a nine months' course instead of six months.

The commencement address for the closing exercises was delivered by Rev. Paul H. Walker, overseer of the State of Pennsylvania. Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer of the Church of God, was scheduled to deliver this address but due to the illness of Rev. M. P. Cross, member of the Mission Board, who was with Brother Walker in the Island of Haiti, he was unable to be at the closing of the school.

The spiritual atmosphere at the Church of God Bible Training School has been and is to be greatly appreciated. Last year a large number of students who came to the school unsaved gave their hearts to God. Several were sanctified by the blood of Jesus and quite a number filled with the Holy Ghost. A beautiful thought was presented by the valedictorian, Miss Louise Burgess, who asked the question, "When did a school suspend classes to have a prayer meeting, to pray someone through to the blessing? When and where has the power of God so fallen in a school that they were unable to carry on for a while in their literary teaching? and yet this is exactly what has happened at the Church of God Bible Training School."

The Church of God is now more interested in the training of its ministry, so that they will be vessels unto honor fitted and prepared for the Master's use, than ever before. But, it must be remembered, that literary fitness is not the only fitness, for a vessel to honor must be sanctified and meet for the Master's use, so while literary education is great, a thorough consecration is also needed.

The very fact that one's spiritual-

ity and the need of deeper spirituality is greatly emphasized in the school, makes it all the more outstanding and unique in its field.

Thousands of Church of God boys and girls all over the country are finishing high school this year. Hundreds of these will want to enter institutions of higher learning and in so doing will want to select places where the faith of the Church of God will not be attacked and where their spirituality will be safeguarded. The Church of God Bible Training School throws wide open its arms to receive such. The Superintendent of Education will be glad to furnish any information desired and to send a catalog to honest inquirers concerning the Church of God Bible Training School and College. A card or letter to Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn., will bring the answer.

Boys in the Camp

WE have just received a letter from Rev. J. H. Ewell, Box 52, Gettysburg, S. Dak., offering a beautiful suggestion relative to our boys who
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National Repentance

J. W. HUGHES

Text: 2 Chron. 7:14

This text presents us with a rudiment, principles which are to be observed for the attainment of national recovery. In verse 13, national judgments are described. To recover from these "national judgments," a national repentance is required, which is here designed.

We are living in a world of bigotry, war, persecution, and bloodshed. Our own beloved nation is now on the very verge of war. We have been informed both by radio and the press concerning the unrest, turmoil, and distress now experienced by the nations. The wicked are as the troubled sea casting up her mire and dirt. Isa. 57:20. Like a putrifying sore they are boiling out their own corruption. We have experienced dearth, pestilence, and catastrophe in all parts of our fair land, which doubtless denotes that the judgments of God are sent upon her because of His displeasure with the sinfulness of the people. Is there a solution for the cure of such national ills? Is it acquired by the appropriation of millions for preparedness and national defense? Does the proper solution require so great a sum of money? Can money bring recovery and prosperity to our nation, and render it an adequate defense in this time of peril when God is displeased with her sin?

No nation can long prosper when out of line with God's divine plan. No, the proper solution for the cure of our national ills, and that of the rest of the world, is not the appropriation of great sums of money for such purpose. It is a NATIONAL REPENTANCE. It was this that God called upon the people for in the day of Solomon. If these were the terms on which God determined the cure of a professing people's troubles, then would it not render the same effect today? Oh, you will say, but we are living in a different time. That is true, but God never changes. He still requires humbling of ourselves, praying, seeking His face, and turning from our wickedness, if we receive the benefits of His promises.

In the day of Jonah there was a great city called Nineveh, whose wickedness had come up before God, and He had planned to overthrow it, but not without a chance to repent. Thank God for a chance to repent! This chance was given when God sent Jonah to preach to the city the preaching that He bid him, and the whole city went on a fast and got down in sackcloth and ashes and repented of their wickedness and God spared the city. God has always regarded contrition, and by it millions have been saved from destruction. We believe that a more adequate national defense can be achieved by

the inauguration of this policy, rather than that acquired by all the armed forces of the world.

God has spoken in thundering tones from above, and left on the pages of history the record of His mighty works, how He defended those that were in line with His will. God has rolled the great sea back as a wall, and led His people across on dry ground, while the wicked He swept away with the mighty tide. God has softened the hard hearts of kings, changed their plans, guided their pen, while they signed decrees contrary to their natural desires. God has thrown kingdoms from their mighty foundations, wrought mighty deeds of righteousness, and bestowed the benefits of divine promises upon His people. God has changed the destiny of peoples and nations, stayed the sun in its mighty course while He was marching forward in His plans. God has turned the rivers of history out of their courses, and swung great empires on their hinges. He has blotted out nations from the face of the earth, and the places which once knew them in their splendor now know them no more. God has raised a people from the dunghill, and called a people from the prison house of bondage and death, leading them through a desert wilderness, and placed them on hilltops among the nations, amid such splendor, riches, and glory that the noble queen of the South exclaimed, "The half was not told me." Great is His mighty works, and His ways past finding out. He has exalted kings to splendor, glory, and power, and He has brought them down to humiliation, made the field their place of dwelling, while they ate grass as an ox. Having performed all these wonders, is He not able to defend us as a nation today? Is God partial in His works, and does He have respect of person among those that repent? All who repent are equally respected by Him. The recovery and prosperity of our nation, then, is to be achieved through national repentance. This "national repentance" is required of a people whom God has specified, the people who bear His name. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and heal their land."

What is the sin of this people of God today, and the necessity of repentance? There are professors of Christianity throughout the nation, which would render it national in scope. The sin is obvious everywhere. It is the sin of DIVISION. This sin has done more havoc to the cause of Christianity than all the effort to

stamp it out by a persecuting world. The responsibility of a judgment-cursed nation is blamed on this people. If Christianity would co-ordinate their efforts, and co-operate in their efforts toward the curbing of sin, it would formulate the greatest force in the world, and fightings and wars, which are a product of fleshly lust, would have to cease. James 4:1. Division is carnal, and is foreign to the real spirit of Christianity. As the spirit and condition of Christianity, so is that of the world. What else can be expected of the world but war and crime, when the people who bear God's name are all divided? Prejudice, malice, envy, and tearing down the influence of their brother churchman is the practice and custom of the day, among those who should be imitators of Him who prayed that they be one. All claim to be the right Church, but all are different. Unity is characterized as an invaluable purpose to Christianity, and is a prominent teaching of the Bible—so prominent that none should error. Unity is portrayed in that a united action by God's people is called for in this repentance. All are to participate equally in the same act. When humility, praying, seeking of God's face, and turning from wicked ways, are the principles persistently pursued by professing Christianity, ultimately differences will vanish, and all will culminate in the purpose for which Christ prayed. John 17. Let us all have our hearts and minds illuminated by the profound truth found in this text, and begin immediately the united action toward the attainment of the benefits therein. Then it will be that "God will bless America, stand by her, and guide her." Then it will be that we shall have forgiveness, and a cursed land healed, and a nation we love will be back to God. Then shall we have the light of the glorious gospel shining upon our pathway, bringing us "in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Amen.

Healed of Pneumonia

RED BAY, Ala.—Dear Evangel Readers, how I praise the Lord this morning for His wonderful love and mercy, and His power to heal. Our baby had pneumonia and in about a week after that he took the flu. I sent a request to the paper. I received an anointed cloth from Headquarters. I laid the cloth on his little body and he rested well all night and has been getting better ever since.

I received several anointed cloths since then for the healing of his body. We surely appreciate the cloths and prayers of those who sent them to us. We take this method of letting you know how the Lord did bless him. May God bless each one of you is our prayer.—Brother and Sister Charles Kendall.

CHURCH OF GOD AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, BREAKS SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD MARCH 2



The above picture is part of our Sunday school for Sunday, March 2, 1941, which was a record attendance for the Tampa church. We had as many as 225 in attendance the first year that Brother Hamby was here but March 2 beat that record. We also had a good offering. We raised \$116.00 cash in four minutes. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He surely is blessing us here in Tampa. This is the third year Brother Hamby has been here and we have a good increase in membership and the finance is the best we have had for more than ten years.—Geo. W. Smith, clerk, 2305 23rd Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Reports From the Field

Los Angeles, Calif., District Convention

The greatest district convention in history for Los Angeles district has just come to a close. It convened in Santa Ana Gardens Feb. 6-8. Truly God met in the first service. While Brother Banks, the faithful pastor of Santa Ana Gardens, was giving the welcome address it seemed the windows of heaven just opened and never closed again throughout the convention. Sister Sallie Jeffreys, pastor at Corona, and the writer gave response to the welcome address. Following, Brother R. C. Ogle, district overseer and pastor of Los Angeles church, brought a wonderfully anointed message. We were made to feel strong in the Lord for waves of glory filled the building.

Friday a. m. Brother Beck of Huntington Beach, brought a timely message. Oh yes, the lawns are green, flowers blooming, birds singing and the sun shining.

The afternoon was filled with good singing, testimonies and God blessing in every way. Friday evening service opened with a glorious song service conducted by Sister Dora Wiswell of Corona who sang under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Our much-loved and highly esteemed state overseer, Rev. I. L. Bengé, brought the evening message. The power of God came down in such a way that Brother Bengé never got far on the message. People were running in the aisles under the power of God, others seeking God for a deeper experience. We surely felt for a while that we had taken a trip to the third heaven. I have never seen the power of God manifested in a greater way than it was in the Friday night service.

Saturday morning opened with waves of glory still flooding our souls as our Sister Lewis, Y. P. E. president of Los Angeles, directed another song service. Sister Helen Dial, pastor of Imperial,

brought a glorious message. Truly our hearts were made to rejoice to know God had really drawn us out from the things unlike Him. Following this message Sister Sallie Jeffreys brought a beautiful message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost on the subject of "Confidence."

We surely feel that Sister Jeffreys has that great confidence in God and her precious flock has confidence in her. She is now on her fourteenth year of pastoral work in Corona. When asked a few weeks ago to come to a certain church for a revival, her people said, "Just leave the church key with the neighbors, we will go with you." Isn't that wonderful when people love their good shepherd like that! Another good dinner was served on the church lawn and the afternoon was filled with spiritual food. Brother Cleo Watts was the first speaker. To know what a wonderfully anointed young man Brother Watts is you would have to hear him. Truly God is using him in a wonderful way. Following this speaker, Brother S. L. Bunch, pastor of Baldwin Park, brought a message. God, through His humble servant, seemed to

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Foreign Missions



ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

FACTORS IN THE EVANGELISTIC TASK

BY A. W. BRUMMETT

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers," Eph. 4: 11.

You'll notice we termed our subject, "Factors in the Evangelistic Task." As you know, in school we learned factors of a number are such numbers as multiplied together will produce that number. For example four times four equals sixteen. Thus four is the factor of sixteen. Webster says that factors are the elements, circumstances or influence that contribute to produce a result. I feel that every individual who really knows God should be very much interested in the result of the ministry. That is, we should have a burning desire to see souls saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God, that they may be ready to go to that grand homecoming in the sky, the marriage supper of the Lamb.

FIRST IS THE PERSONAL FACTOR

Religion is personal. I believe in order for us to promote the evangelistic cause we must first have a personal experience with God. I have heard of preachers preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the initial evidence, when they didn't have the blessing themselves. I'm sure that would be better than denying the blessing, but the Bible says the husbandman must first be partaker of the fruit. Many times we hear of meetings where large numbers profess Christianity and then in, oh, such a short time they are all back in their old haunts of sin, dancing, drinking, gambling, smoking, playing cards, dressing in immodest, indecent apparel, going to the ball games and movies. I believe the reason we see this happen so often is because the minister who pointed them to God has failed to seek until he has had a true personal vision of the crucified Christ and the plan of salvation.

God says in Heb. 1:7 that He makes His ministers a flame of fire. I want you to know when a truly, wholly consecrated minister of God, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, steps in the pulpit the fire will fly, the devil will flee, souls

will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost as recorded in Matt. 3. John the Baptist came preaching the baptism of repentance and saying there comes one after me that is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE. Why is it that statistics show that half a million people yearly are leaving the churches of America? If you can't answer the question, I can. It's because of the lack of the fire of God in the services. I conducted a revival at a certain church once where visible fire like lightning ran through the building. Yes, and what was the result? Souls began hunting a hiding place, the hiding place was the shadow of the cross. Glory to God! Someone says, "Preacher, what assurance do you have that there is a God and that salvation is real?" Bless His name, it's the personal experience I have in my soul, that living, moving Holy Ghost that I feel running up and down the avenues of my soul right now. Hallelujah! "Preacher, can salvation be felt?" Yes, I feel it from the top of my head to the sole of my foot and that's a distance of six feet.

SECOND IS THE HOME FACTOR

Our juvenile problem is largely a home problem. You visit the boys and girls at a reformatory, ask them if their parents had family prayer and if they went to Sunday day school and church services regularly and the majority will tell you no. Many of the criminals of today, if they had had the right home training, instead of being miserable, wretched outcasts, looked down on and feared by society, they would be respectable citizens of the community, going to Sunday school and church and doing their part to promote God's cause and to make our beautiful America a better place in which to live. Then on the other hand you watch that fine looking young man and woman who come down the aisle to the altar and weep their way through to God, see their faces light up with the glory of God, see that wonderful joy of sins forgiven come to their soul, ask them about their home life and I believe that the answer will usually be, "Yes, dad and mother always had family prayer and took me to church and Sunday school. I'll admit that there are

some exceptions, but my brethren, this is usually the case.

King Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Take Timothy for instance, he had been taught the scriptures from a child, by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. The result was that he was used mightily of God in saving souls, establishing churches and promoting the cause of God in general. Some will say, "Well, I don't believe in being so strict with my children, when they are so young. I don't believe it is good to burden their minds so much with religion just yet. When they are older then I'll begin being a little stricter, but at present I don't see why it is any harm for them to go on and enjoy a few no-harm, worldly amusements." No, the fact of the matter is you don't believe in training them up in the way they should go. It's time and high time that people who profess Christianity were getting God back in the home. I've seen many sinner parents that the training they gave their children would put many of our so-called Holy Ghost people to shame. That may be a little hard, but it's the truth and it might as well be me that tells you about it is as someone else.

Yes, when we get the fire burning around the altar in the home it won't take so much fanning to get a spark in the pulpit and around the altar in the church. Instead of working up a shout I believe in praying one down from the glory world. Parents, if you want your boys and girls saved from disgrace and ruin, see that they are brought up in a true Christlike home. The environments that a child is brought up in will play a big part in shaping his future life and destiny.

THIRD IS THE MEMBERSHIP FACTOR

The members of a church play a large part in whether the revival is a success or not. Many times a hidden Babylonish garment or golden wedge will block the Spirit of God. I certainly wouldn't want to be in that fellow's shoes or, in other words, I wouldn't want to be in his place when he stands face to face with the great God of heaven at the blazing white-

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LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

A copyrighted United Press dispatch is herewith quoted: "Toulouse, France, March 21.—In this former land of plenty MILLIONS OF FRENCH MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WENT TO BED HUNGRY TONIGHT. Official sources assert the number "facing possible starvation" is approximately 10,000,000, unless help is forthcoming from abroad, chiefly the United States. I talked to farmers, factory hands, city workers, housewives and school children. Nearly all said they are not getting enough to eat. On March 31 farmers must deliver their last sacks of wheat to government-controlled mills. A decree signed by the Chief of State provides for this. Failure means confiscation of the wheat and punishment for the owner. When that wheat is milled and backed, a mill owner told me, there will be no more. There are no stocks whatever of barley, rye, corn or oats." The foregoing words, written by Ralph Heinzen, United Press Staff correspondent in Free France, paints a very gloomy picture indeed for those unhappy people. It is believed that arrangements have been completed whereby some small amount of American relief can reach these hungry Frenchmen. Not only in France but many other countries, TWO FAMILIES OUT OF EVERY THREE, ARE RECEIVING INSUFFICIENT FOOD. Remember, brethren, this is one of the signs our coming King made special mention of.

Against the preponderant desires of their people, the rulers of Yugoslavia signed, at bayonet's point, almost, an agreement with Germany, Italy and Japan. They were practically the last Balkan holdout. Rumania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and others have long since capitulated to the demands of Herr Hitler. Only Greece and Turkey remain. They are being bolstered by help from America and some from Russia.

Your writer suggests that special watch be kept on two places: The Vatican, head of the Roman Catholics, and Red Russia. They are supposed to be at daggers points, but there is very pointed evidence that the agents of each group are ad-

vancing feelers. Russia's part in the entire war has been of such a nature as to keep every one guessing. The writer feels definitely that she will play a major part in the settlement of the present conflict. Anti-God and anti-everything decent, she has an enormous power within her own country. Communists are far more zealous than holiness preachers. Remember "The King of the North." Remember "Gog and Magog."

It hasn't been but a short time that Propaganda Minister Goebbels said to a Nazi audience. "The America of today will never be a danger to us. Nothing will be easier than to produce a bloody revolution in the United States. No other country has so many social and racial tensions. We shall be able to play on many strings across the Atlantic." Hitler himself said, in an important address to the German people: "I have it in my power to plunge the United States into chaos and civil war by just pressing a button on my desk." In answer to those threats, which cannot be taken as idle talk, America must show a unity of spirit and purpose that will convince the dictators that democracy is a cherished thing. LET NO GROUP, ANYWHERE, MANIFEST MORE REAL PATRIOTISM THAN THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD. HARD AND DANGEROUS DAYS ARE AHEAD. "PERILOUS" IS THE WORD.

The government in pursuing its policy of subordinating everything to the defense of Britain, recently ordered manufacturers of certain aluminum products to cease their business. The aluminum was needed for other things. There is no criticism of that act. It is just another step in the series that leads to subjection of all human life for the good of the state. The American tradition says, "The state is the servant of the people." The spirit of antichrist, moving as it does everywhere, changes that until one man becomes the state and the "people become the servant of the state." I quote from a leading editorial in a liberal news organ: "It probably is true that the government needs all the aluminum it can get in its

aid to Britain program. But, if government, through its officary, can bluntly tell the manufacturers of aluminum utensils that they are out of business, how far can government go with other businesses and other properties? Can they not and will they not tell a group of manufacturers in any city that they, too, must merge, reduce their numbers and either speed up or slow down as the case may be—While we are helping Britain to win, what of our own democracy? It is an old quotation that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." If we expect to keep our liberty we need more vigilance now than ever before in our history. These things are not quoted in a spirit of criticism, but to point to the people that OUR WAY OF LIFE IS RAPIDLY PASSING, NOT TO RETURN AGAIN. Earthly dictators may reign for a while, but let the man of God look forward to the day when THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD SHALL BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR GOD AND HIS CHRIST AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER.

Hon. Josiah Wedgewood, member of Great Britain's Parliament, said in a speech: "I don't believe it is any more difficult to get this union (a union of the British Empire and the United States as discussed last week) than was the union between England and Scotland in 1707. If I pin my hopes to union with America it is because union is the strongest bond, leaving no loopholes for evasion of duty or responsibility for sacrifice in the future." UNION NOW, Inc., is making more headway than is realized. Those forces that are striving to unite the democratic nations of the earth into one Commonwealth have sincere hopes of realizing their ambitions. Don't dismiss it as a fantasy. It is far too serious for that.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: . . .



THE Trumpeter

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Sevierville, Tennessee

The Subject "Missions" Studied in Bible School

I shall try to express my appreciation of the study of "Missions" which is one of my main subjects in school this year. The study has meant much to me in many ways. For one thing, it has given me a general review of geography, in locating the different countries of the world. Also it has given me a picture of the great mass of people of this world, people with different features, many different languages, ideas, traits, and ways of living and taking life. But the greatest lesson I get from this study, the most horrible picture I get, the thing that strikes me hardest, and goes straightest to my heart is the great need for the spread of the simple gospel of Jesus Christ all over this old earth. I knew that the world was wicked, but the study of "Missions" makes me see it more clearly, more vividly. Many times in our classroom we cannot understand why and how people can be so degraded and so far from God and His teachings, but then the thought comes to me—WE have not told them about Christ and His love for lost humanity. WHY have we been so neglectful in this work? My answer is that we do not have them on our heart as we should. WHY have we not had the world at heart? May I say that it is because WE HAVE NOT STUDIED MISSIONS. We do not know what the people of heathen countries have to go through with; we do not know their ways of living and worship because we do not study them as they should be studied.

I know some say, "Let's attend to our own affairs, spread the gospel in our own land, take care of our own business and let them do the same." It is true that we have people at home ignorant of the word and blessings of God, but why excuse ourselves on that premise when every day the gospel is coming from the pulpit, over the radio, through the papers, and from the street corner. On the other hand,

there are lands where the people have never heard the name of Christ. It is God's plan for the gospel to be preached to all nations. Christ brought it from glory; the apostles carried it after He left; Paul brought it to our race, and it is our duty to carry it to others. Christ left His home in Heaven to bring salvation to the world. Are we better than He to refuse to bear the good news across the seas to those in ignorance of it there?

Then, if we are to carry it to other lands, we must know something of their way of life, ideas, modes of worship, etc. so as to know how to approach them. It is true that not all of us can go carry the news, but if we study the mission fields we shall see the need of sending someone who feels the call.

I feel that our mission class has been a blessing to each member, and our dear, patient teacher, Mrs. Archie Swiger, deserves the credit for its being such.

Let us not neglect the study of "Missions," a blessing to every one who studies it.—G. L. Stilwell.

Appreciation of Books

We, the Junior Class of 1940-41, wish to offer our thanks of appreciation to our many friends and patrons, for the way they have responded in the past by sending in their contributions of books to our library. By doing this they have sent our school far up the road toward becoming a junior college. However, our project is not fully complete. Gracefully speaking, there has been much good accomplished; and speaking of grace, grace is but glory begun, and glory perfected. This is only a comparison to the glory that is to be revealed in the contributions to our library.

As has been said, our project is not fully completed and we do not want to stop at this specific point, but let each of us, as lovers of a higher education for God's cause and the interest of the welfare of the people of this great nation,

keep on working after this term of B. T. S. is out, for the advancement of higher education within our own ranks.

A good book is the very essence of a good man. His virtues do service in it while the failures and faults of his actual life are forgotten. All the goodly company of the excellent and great sit around our table, or look down on us from yonder shelves, waiting patiently to answer our questions and enrich us with their wisdom. A precious book is a foretaste of immortality.

Books are standing counselors and preachers always at hand; and always having this advantage over oral instructors, in that they are ready to repeat their lesson as often as we please.

Friend, will you use your influence in securing books for our library? Do so, and may the Lord bless each of you. Send all donations directly to the Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.—Rev. John Adair, President of Junior Class.

Memorials

A Sermon by Ralph Wagner in the Student Service

I would like to speak on memorials. We know that as we pass through this life, we are building a memorial. We are leaving behind us a memorial of some sort, and I wonder what type of a memorial you are leaving.

We all know the story of the three Hebrew children and the outcome, but there is something more than being tossed in the fire and coming out alive. There is a lesson in that for you and me, a lesson that we need very much. When those three Hebrew children stood before the king, they stood erect, with their heads up. Why? Because there was no fear in their hearts. As they stood there and the old king questioned them, they said, "Even if you won't deliver us from the fiery furnace, God will deliver us from you." Even if we can't be delivered from

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Question Box

Question: Will you please explain Luke 6:30? "Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again."—M. A.

Answer: This statement appears in a group of very strong ones made by Jesus. They were given primarily to teach the disciples the necessity of living for others rather than living for themselves, while at the same time they were not to resist evil in any way. Given the extreme interpretation, it would place man in a rather close place; but the Master certainly meant, rather than to place such construction as was given by a radical interpretation, to build up to the Golden Rule which is given in the following verse: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." This injunction will certainly cover all of that which is enjoined upon man respecting his actions toward his fellow man.

Question: Will you please explain Matt. 24:34, 35? What generation does this mean? Does Luke 21:32 have reference to the same thing? I have been taught that these scriptures were fulfilled when Jerusalem was destroyed.—W. C. J.

Answer: The Greek word for "generation" here is "denea," the primary definition of which is "race," "family" or "stock." To this all lexicons agree. That this word is used in this sense here is sure because none of these things took place; namely, the world-wide preaching of the kingdom, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord in visible glory, the regathering of the elect, etc., at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in A. D. 70.; the promise is, therefore, that the generation or family of Israel will be preserved until these things take place. To make it plain it would perhaps be easy to read it like this: "This people (or Israel) shall not pass from the stage of action until all these things be fulfilled." God has promised Israel a Messiah and a kingdom and though they were to see the dark days of the tribulation, His promise to come unto them must be fulfilled.

Question: Please explain what is meant by 2 Peter 2:4? "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." What is meant by "the angels"?—J. E. S.

Answer: This scripture is almost a parallel to Jude 6 which reads, "And the angels which kept not their first estate,

but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Both of these scriptures refer to fallen angels or messenger spirits. There seems to have been a special place where these fallen angels are kept prisoners until the judgment of the great day, possibly to be given at the same time as the final judgment upon Satan which occurs after the thousand years' millennium and preceding the final judgment. Rev. 20:10. In the second chapter of the Second Epistle of Peter, the writer is merely using the incident as an illustration to show that if God spared not the angels, and Noah, and Sodom and Gomorrah, etc., neither will He spare us if we disobey His Word.

Question: Will you please explain Jer. 16:4; 25:33; Hosea 4:2, 3? In what time and age will this take place?—S. C. E.

Answer: In the sixteenth chapter of Jeremiah the sign of the unmarried prophet is interpreted by the context. The whole social life of Judah was about to be disrupted and ceased from the land. It might be well, however, to note the promises of verses 14 and 16 and Jer. 17: 7, 8. The 25th chapter and 33d verse is a repetition of the judgment that is to come upon Israel because of her backsliding, because of her going away from God. Hosea 4 shows the continuance of Israel's sin and following this for several chapters, prophecy tells of the terrible judgment that is to come upon Israel because of her backsliding. This has been taking place through the ages and it is taking place now in many of the countries of Europe where Jews are mistreated and maltreated, are penned up in ghettos and many starved to death. The first scripture mentioned; namely, Jer. 16:4, is literally fulfilled now in many places. "They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth." But let us look at another beautiful promise to Israel in the closing verses of Hosea, after the prophet had given almost his entire prophecy to the judgment of God which should come upon Israel. Notice in Hosea 14:4-7, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and

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Delkograms

By D. H. DELK

THE ORPHANS

Exod. 22:22, "Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child."

It doesn't seem reasonable to think we would cause an orphan child sorrow, pain, or distress, and I don't think we would, wilfully, or because we are heartless, cruel or void of all sympathy; but even a pure mind needs stirring often and regularly. 2 Pet. 3:1.



Few minds wear out, more rust out. —(Bovee)

I must make a little confession myself. I didn't think I was badly neglecting our orphans, but our state overseer, Brother Paulk, said it would do each pastor good to preach a special sermon in behalf of the orphans, and I told him if he thought it would help me I would surely try it. I must confess I got a great blessing out of it, and I had to give an offering before I got through. Well, God was surely with us. Praise His name! I still feel the effects of it. Franklin says a good conscience is a continual Christmas. I say to help the orphans will help our conscience. Pure religion's home is in the conscience.

We can afflict the orphans by getting busy with our own business and local work till we forget them.

They are not frontlets to our eyes or a red ribbon on our finger but they should be in spirit. Therefore, we forget them, and in this way we afflict them. Because they are out of our sight don't let them be out of our minds.

An infidel scoffed at a poor barefooted boy, saying, "There is no such thing as Christians. If there was they would buy you a pair of shoes." To this the poor fellow replied, "I believe God does tell them about me but they forget about it."

Shall God's righteousness be known in a land of forgetfulness? Psalms 88:12.

Doers don't forget. Forgetters don't do.

Out of the mouth of babes, etc. Psalm 8:2.

Whosoever shall receive one of such children, etc. Mark 9:3-7.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Once an old pastor was a little narrow (Continued on page 14)

Requests For Prayer

EDITOR'S NOTE: Notices of requests for prayer intended for publication on this page should be for healing. Requests will be accepted for those making them for themselves or for their family connection. It is better to make your request specific rather than to include several in one. The Evangel desires to be of the most good to the most people and desires that every inch of its space be used advantageously.

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lue McGrath, Omaha, Ark.

My sister, Mrs. Lailton, to be healed of what we think is cancer on her head, she is in a bad condition.—Helen Williamson, Gen. Del., Charleston, W. Va.

The healing and saving of my afflicted husband; Sister Gardener who is very ill to be healed; Sister Coleman to be encouraged; her son who is in the hospital with T. B. to be healed.—Annie B. Hillhouse, McAlpin, Fla.

The healing of my body. — Myrtle McKinney, Stephenson, W. Va.

The healing of Sister Nora Belcher's body; unspoken request.—Lucy Roberts, Iaeger, W. Va.

My little girl to be healed, she is hard of hearing and sick almost all time; me, I am going through a very severe trial.—Sister Myrtle Jordan, Rt. 3, Elba, Ala.

The healing of a dear friend; the healing of my body.—Mrs. F. J. Glenn, Rt. 1, Gardendale, Ala.

Me to be healed and my health restored.—Mamie C. Richardson, Rt. 2, Box 58A, Latra, S. C.

The Lord to heal my head. — Mrs. Clark McCartney, Box 116, Delhi, La.

The Lord to undertake for me and our home.—Ila Price, 3268 Mary St., Coconut Grove, Fla.

The healing of my little daughter Charlene's body.—Mrs. Anna D. Kirk, Missouri Branch, W. Va.

The healing of Fanny Benbrow, Rt. 3, Yoakum, Tex., she has been afflicted for years and confined to bed the past few years.—Mark Broyles, Rt. 1, Fordtran, Tex.

The healing of my body.—A sister in Christ, Shelby, N. C.

My husband and me to be healed of rheumatism. We thank all who prayed for our son in Western State Hospital last summer. He was dismissed Sept. 12, and to God be all the praise.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warix, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

My brother-in-law, B. H. Lane, Jesup, Ga., Rt. 1, c/o H. W. Maddox, to be healed of rheumatism in his back and left leg.—Lorine Lane, Screven, Ga.

My health to be restored. — Lorene Cowart, Fyffe, Ala.

Sister Daisy Fuget, Vicco, Ky., who is in a serious condition to be healed.—Martha Ritchie, Anco, Ky.

The healing of a neighbor boy who is seriously ill; my husband to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. J. A. B. Douglas, Jellico, Tenn.

My family and me; my son and his family who are sick with measles and flu to be healed.—Mrs. Mary A. Pratt, Loudon, Tenn.

God to heal me of a very nervous condition and that I will have more faith and courage.—Ona Mae Barnes, 41 Grove St., Huntsville, Ala.

Me to be healed of heart and liver trouble, a goitre, my eyes; my children's tonsils to be healed; my little girl's hearing; special unspoken requests; my husband's lungs to be healed and that he will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Albin Anderson, Rt. 1, Lignite, N. Dak.

For H. J. Tilghmon, Jr., who was badly burned in the U. S. Navy. He is in the Norfolk Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va.—His sister, Caroline Tilghmon.

The Lord to completely heal my body of more than one disease.—Mrs. Eva Milligan, Herod, Ill.

God to heal my four children of T. B.; me to be healed of a goitre; God to fill us all with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mamie Ailey, Rt. 1, Dandridge, Tenn.

TESTIMONIES

DONALSONVILLE, Ga. — Dear Saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have been in bad health for a year or longer and there is no cure unless the Lord heals. I know He is able and will heal if I can have sufficient faith. I have an unsaved husband who is the father of fourteen children. I am his sec-

ond wife and his children have never heard him pray. He is an unbeliever and is bound by bad habits. We know the Lord can change the hardest case in the world if we will hold on for him in prayer. Do pray for God to save him. Pray much for both of us. May God's great blessings rest upon you is my prayer.—Mrs. A. V. Chandler, Rt. 1.

Divinely Healed

McLEANBORO, Ill. — About three weeks ago I sent in a request for prayer for my wife. We received an anointed cloth and some cards stating they were praying for her. She is so much better and gaining every day and we thank everyone who prayed for her. Please continue to pray that God will have His way with us. May God bless each and every one, is my prayer.—Brother and Sister W. Carson.

A Bad Foot Healed

SECO, Ky.—I am glad to sound a note of praise through our beloved Evangel for what my blessed Savior has done for me. I am fifteen years old, have been saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost two years. I have trusted the Lord for healing but the enemy has tried so hard to conquer me.

On the 18th day of January I burned my foot, causing a very bad sore. It was swollen almost twice its size. I had it prayed for but it seemed to get no better. Different ones told me to go to the doctor and others forced me to use remedies but my faith was in God. The next Wednesday night all had gone to church except the smaller children and I. I knew Jesus was going to heal me. I took the plaster off my foot, anointed it with oil, laid the Evangel on in Jesus' name and prayed. Praise the Lord, He came on the scene and healed. The swelling began to go down. The next morning I could walk on my foot the same as ever. This is only one of the many times God has touched my body. I take all my afflictions to the One who healeth all diseases. The enemy will try us on every hand but if we live in obedience Jesus will help us. I pray this testimony will be an encouragement to someone. Pray for me.—Garnella Calhoun.

MARYVILLE, Tenn. — I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. He never fails us though many times we forget our promise to Him. I had double pneumonia in October and before I got over it I had appendicitis. They started with me to the hospital for an operation. I began to ask the Lord to please remove the pain and when we reached the hospital I was so much better they decided not to operate. Two of the doctors told me they were surprised the way I got

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In Memory of



The Passing of Sister Mattie (Buckalew) Rich

Just a few days ago we were reminded again that one by one we are crossing over the river. A voice I had not heard in many years sounded in my ear over long distance saying, "Mother has passed away. Come preach her funeral." Sister Mattie (Buckalew) Rich, the wife of our departed and much-loved Brother John W. Buckalew, has served her probation here and gone to her reward.

Brother and Sister Buckalew came into our home thirty-one years ago and told us about sanctification, the Holy Ghost baptism, and the Church of God. When the revival had closed wife and I, with several others, were filled with the Holy Ghost and were members of the Church of God. I still remember that this precious sister is the first person who ever prayed in our home. It was my pleasure to have a long conversation with her during the last General Assembly in Chattanooga, Tenn. We talked freely of our hope of heaven and the happy meeting with the faithful ones in the happy land of song. She told me she was tired in body and expecting soon to rest under the shade of the trees on the other side.

On her return from the Assembly she stopped in Trion, Ga., at the home of her daughter, Sister Grace Chandler, and her good husband. It was here she was stricken with a sickness which resulted in her departure on the 6th of March, 1941. We wended our way to this good home on the following morning where we met many sorrowing friends and relatives who followed this precious sister to the Methodist church in Trion, where the funeral was

held, after which the body was taken to the Alexander cemetery and there laid by loving hands by the side of her former husband who had been placed there twenty-three years previously.

To the bereaved we would say, "We sorrow not as those who have no hope." To our dear Brother Rich, we know the home is lonely. That sweet, clear voice is hushed. Those lips are sealed in death. Those earnest prayers will be heard, no, never! But over yonder where the roses bloom eternally will be praises forevermore. We are waiting now for the Boatman to come bear us over to join that happy throng.—Just another old pioneer, T. S. Payne, Cleveland, Tenn.

McNAIR

Danny McNair, son of Brother and Sister J. C. McNair, of Houston, Tex., was born July 4, 1925, and departed this life Feb. 6, 1941. He had the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

DAVIS

Little Loyd Norris Davis was born Oct. 28, 1934, and departed this life Feb. 14, 1941; age six years, three months and seventeen days.—One who loved him, Rev. Gordon Mize, Atco, Ga.

JAMES

Ernest E. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. James, departed this life June 16, 1937; age twenty years. He was ready to go. — His mother, Mrs. W. W. James, Grantville, Pa.

POARCH

Brother J. L. B. Poarch slipped away to be with Jesus March 21, 1941; age eighty years, one month and thirteen days. He was a faithful member and clerk of the Church of God at Crane Eater, Ga.—His pastor, Paul Brady.

CARBERRY

Little Billy Carberry departed this life March 14, 1941; age one year.—Miss Lydia Bell Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

HENDRY

Wilma Hendry departed this life March 20, 1941; age seventeen years.—Miss Lydia Bell Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

JOBE

Gertrude Jobe departed this life March 13, 1941; age thirty-eight years.—Miss Lydia Bell Hickman, Rt. 5, Kingsport, Tenn.

CREASMAN

Mrs. M. L. Creasman, a devoted Christian and friend to the Church of God, departed this life Feb. 2, 1941. — Her daughter, Miss Minnie Creasman, Sylva, N. C.

Praise God for His Love

EDINBURG, Tex.—Praise God for His wonderful love. Thank God for the light on His Church. It is through His wonderful love to us that He blesses us so. Pray for me and for our church here at Edinburg.—J. F. Yancey.

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REPORTS

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stir hearts and they got a greater vision than ever before of what it really means to have that real love in our hearts. Saturday evening was given to the Y. P. E's on this district. God is blessing our young people in California. Each of our local presidents is wonderful and anointed of God. We had so many good things that our service ran quite late and yet no one seemed tired or anxious for the service to close. If you don't think we have some wonderful talent and anointed young people in California and really working for God, just begin now to make your plans to attend our state Y. P. E. convention. We welcome you.—Lula V. Milam, Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, El Centro, Calif.

Trafford, Ala., District Convention

The Trafford, Ala., district convention convened Feb. 1, 2 at the Church of God in Trafford. Services began at 7:00 p. m.

During the convention the following brought messages which were wonderful and inspiring to all: Brothers H. L. Kitchens, pastor at Kimberly; C. C. Dunnavant, pastor of Masseline church; H. T. Statum, pastor at Bradford; W. E. Cridder, district pastor and pastor of the Trafford church; H. L. Chesser, state overseer.

Saturday night after the message an altar call was made and one precious young man received the Holy Ghost. Surely this was a blessed service. Brother Chesser's message on "God's Program" was wonderful and every child of God seemed to understand better the program of God and His Church.

Each of the five churches on the district had a good report. Since the Assembly there have been sixty-nine saved on this district. Even though our convention was held four months earlier than last year, reports showed that more mission money had been raised, more had been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and our aged ministers' fund has been paid in full.

Brother Chesser commended the pastors and churches for their splendid work and urged us to press forward through the remaining part of the year. Truly this was a blessed convention. The presence of the Holy Ghost was with us in a wonderful way. God has helped us to have this good report for which we are thankful.—Rev. H. T. Statum, Box 124, Dixiana, Ala.

TYLER, Tex.—This is my first time to write to the Evangel. I have just received my Evangel today. I have already read it. I love it; it is so sweet to my soul.

Our new Church of God in Tyler is growing. Pray that God will lead us on.

I love the Church of God. I have never seen Brother Walker but I love him anyway. I have seen Brother Johnson. I love him, and Brother C. F. Meador, our district pastor, he is so precious to me. We are looking for him to be with us in service tonight. We have twelve members now and are expecting six more soon.—Helen Toller, clerk; L. A. Toller, pastor.

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—Dear Saints, I have thought so many times I would write and tell of the goodness of God toward me and the good folk at Johnston City. We are still going on with the Lord here. The Lord still meets with us and blesses our souls. It's wonderful how He will stand by His people and keep them encouraged and looking forward to His coming. My soul has been blessed and lifted up for the past sixteen years, for it was then that He so wonderfully sanctified me and thrilled my soul with the sweet Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. A few months later I was added to the Church of God, and today I am still a proud member.

Jesus is a very present help in everything. Last May Brother James Clark, our pastor, began talking about siding our church building, which was badly needed. By the first of October the siding was on and paid for and most of it was by cooperation of the W. W. B., and we are now busy on our mission drive and believe we will raise every dollar of it. He is so good to His obedient children. May this be a year when many souls will be saved and much accomplished for the Church of God.

My heart was stirred by Sister Della Foster's testimony. Surely if there was ever an awakening time needed among the saints of God, it is now, for most every day there is something new being prepared somewhere for our boys. Many will be called to the battlefield to fight for our rights, but how we mothers want to be about our Father's business in a way that we will see them face the future with a hope of this great God we serve. Saints of God everywhere, pray for the work in Johnston City and that much good might be accomplished by our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Newton.—Mrs. Allie Boyce, 400 Trout St.

CLAYTON, N. Mex.—We, the "Gospel Duet," Walter Stewart and Glenn Shelton, of Colorado, have been here at Clayton, N. Mex., church in a revival meeting for the past four weeks. We are a couple of young boys just starting out for God in His service. We have been saved for some time now. The Lord blessed us wonderfully here with twenty-four souls at the altar for salvation, with nearly all sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost.

This has been our second meeting since

we have been in the state of New Mexico, the first one being at Roswell with fifteen souls saved, counting the souls saved in the jail services.

Just a few words about our dear state overseer, Brother Ramsey, and his family, The Ramsey Band. The first time I ever heard them was at the radio station at La Junta one evening, on one of their regular programs, while there in their meetings. I had the privilege of meeting them not many days later at Rocky Ford, Colo., church where they had a good fellowship meeting. I was working at a hotel at the time, as night clerk. I had been praying that God would open up a way for me to get out into the gospel work, and sure enough He did. Here we are and we need all your prayers.

My coworker, Brother Glenn, is a fine boy. He really can play a guitar. We play together, he the guitar and I the mandolin or vice versa.

Also, we can hardly wait until we can meet our General Overseer, Brother Walker, if the Lord is willing this next General Assembly.—Walter and Glenn, "Gospel Duet," Walter Stewart, Gen. Del., Clayton, N. Mex.

Erwin, N. C., District Convention

The Erwin, N. C., district convention convened at Erwin, N. C., Feb. 15, 16. Brother J. L. Underwood, pastor and district overseer, was in charge. Services began with songs and prayer. After the welcome address was given Brother Earl P. Paulk, state overseer, preached an able message. The Lord came down and blessed in a wonderful way.

Sunday morning all gathered at 9:45 for Sunday school service, after which Brother D. H. Delk preached an able message on the need of Sunday school and the good being accomplished by same.

The mission program came next. Brother Paulk preached an able sermon on missions and the work being done by our missionaries. An offering was then taken for missions amounting to more than \$100.

Several others preached wonderful messages during this convention, and the Lord blessed everyone in a wonderful way, from the beginning of the convention until the close Sunday night.

Our Sunday school and Y. P. E. convention will convene at Sanford, N. C., April 5, 6, beginning Saturday at 6:00 p. m.—S. D. Tyndell, district Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent.

Testimonies

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along. I told them the Doctor that helped me could surprise them. Praise God.

Please pray that the Lord will heal me completely and I will not have to have an operation.—Essie Horne, Rt. 4.

Keep Thyself Pure

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Heb. 10:23, "Let US hold fast the profession of our faith without WAVERING; (for he is faithful that promised)."

Heb. 13:9, "Be not carried away with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a GOOD thing that the HEART BE ESTABLISHED with grace." Heb. 13:13, "Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, BEARING his reproach." My good friends, God expects us to hold fast to our profession. There are many ways that a man can be WAVERING in his Christian experience, but I am persuaded to believe that he, with an UNWAVERING EXPERIENCE and a PURE AND ESTABLISHED HEART, will be ready to answer the call "COME UP HIGHER" and that nothing short of this will gain admittance to that celestial and glorious city of God.

Text, 1 Tim. 5:22, "Keep thyself pure." If Timothy needed this warning in his day, with the allurements of the world of today and the deceitfulness that is now in the land, I am sure it will be beneficial for us to say with David, "Search me, O God, and know my HEART; try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any WICKED WAY IN ME, and LEAD ME IN THE WAY EVERLASTING." Psalm 139:23, 24.

Question Box

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grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon." The entire setting of all scriptures referred to is an Israelitish setting and shows God's dealing with this people as a nation.

MISSION PAGE

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throne judgment of God. No preacher can have a revival without the cooperation of the members. Sometimes there is Brother So and So or Sister So and So when every little thing doesn't go just to suit them they'll get puffed up and say, "I'll just stay at home." Well, it would be better to stay at home than bring the spirit of the devil to church, but the thing you had better do is pray through to victory and be at your place each service, manifesting the Spirit of the Nazarene who was led as a lamb to the slaughter and opened not His mouth.

I have noticed in my four years in the ministry that about one of the greatest drawbacks in a revival is getting the members to go back in the congregation and do personal work, invite souls to come to Christ. If the members had a vision of lost souls inasmuch that as soon as the altar call was given they would go among the sinners on their own accord without being told by the preacher to do so, you would see more souls won for God. Many

times the evangelist will preach what we term a good sermon and no one will make a move, but you let a few personal workers get busy and you can see things begin to move. My brother and sister, it takes the very best that we can all do to put over the evangelistic task, multiply these factors together and what do we have? A new era of religious life, a transfusion of the blood of Jesus Christ. Yea, what we need is the milk and meat of the Word, the bread and water of life, life and light of our Lord. Multiply them together and look at the product. You have what was recorded in the long ago: "And the Lord added unto the church day by day such as were saved."

You have the same effect as was written more than nineteen centuries back: These men are turning Jerusalem upside down.

You will have a congregation imbued with such favor and zeal as was expressed in that distant past. They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word. You will have an experience again as was once recorded, "So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed."

My brethren, it takes the old-fashioned gospel preached in the old-fashioned way by folks old-fashioned enough to believe it without reservation to do the evangelistic task to reach the unreached and to save the unsaved.

The Trumpeter

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the punishment the world has for us, we can be delivered by God through faith. They left with us the memorial of "Faith."

I would like to call your attention for a few moments to Virginia in 1775, back when the fight for our independence was going on. In an old church house stood a man who often defied the people in the congregation, and who knew what he was talking about. These words were Patrick Henry's, "Give me liberty or give me death." If I were to build a memorial for Patrick Henry, it would be one word, "Liberty." That is what we need today, liberty through Christ.

My mind goes to a street corner of a little village where a group of people had gathered. An old man was holding a street meeting there. He knew that there was only one thing left for him and that was death, but he told the people that day of God. They stood on the street and stoned him. That man was Stephen. I am erecting a memorial for that man, on which I am putting the word "Courage."

Now let us come down to the students of the Church of God Bible School. We are here to learn more of God's Word, but one of these days we are not going to be heard, we are going to be some-

where teaching others. We'll teach them the things that we learned here. I am wondering what kind of a memorial we are going to build. May it be said of us that we never quit, but died trying.—
Reported by Mary Lee Bell.

DELKOGRAMS

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on his views about children being allowed church fellowship. A man who owned some sheep invited him to supper. After they had dined, he took the pastor out with him to pen the sheep up for the night. When a lamb would start in, he would push him back. After a little the old pastor said, "Brother, why do you push the lambs aside? They need shelter more than the old sheep." "The same as you are doing the children at the church," replied the brother. The pastor got his lesson.

Let's not get too busy singing "Standing Outside" and leave an orphan child "standing outside." We will be nearer inside when we get them in.

To pity distress is but human. To relieve it is Godlike.—(Mann)

Read James 1:27. Pure and undefiled religion visits the fatherless.

Pure religion won't cloud up in the face of a sacrifice. I once noticed the label on a bottle of mouthwash said, "This liquid will cloud up in bad weather." Yes, it might, but pure religion is always shining on the orphan children.

Sometimes we think so much of our own children we forget others who are less fortunate. Thereby we afflict them.

Partiality is an easy sin to commit, James says, (and it is said he studied to be a Judge a while, but he was so afraid of the sin of partiality he gave up the idea of becoming a judge). If ye have respect of persons ye commit sin.

A missionary lady once dreamed she was arranging a houseful of children for the Lord to visit. She put the white ones on the front seats, the yellow children next, then the brown, and on the back seat the little black ones; but when the Lord came in, in His presence all the children became one color. Let's keep in mind, while we are taking good care of our own children, which is our duty, that we have other children that are also our own. Let's show them we appreciate them on Easter Sunday.

Healed of Pellagra

MILLEN, Ga.—This is a note of praise for what God has done for me. I was sick with pellagra of the brain and lost my mind. My wife sent for Brother Ward. He prayed for me and anointed me with oil and I was completely healed. I do not have the blessing but hope this may help someone else who loves God.—B. L. Newton, Rt. 3.

Reports of Revivals

SHELBURN, Ind.—We praise the Lord for the good revival that has just closed at the Church of God at Shelburn with the evangelist, Sister M. Standifer, doing the preaching. There were soul-stirring sermons brought forth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost each night. There were several reclaimed and the church seems to be uplifted and in a much better spiritual condition. Sister Standifer is a real evangelist, bringing the messages that are most needed in these last days.

Just pray for the church at Shelburn that we may keep gaining lost souls for Jesus, be paid up, prayed up and ready to go up when Jesus comes.—Mrs. W. H. Wise.

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We are in a revival here in Corona, Calif. God is blessing in a wonderful way. We are looking for a great downpour of God's great power in our midst. I have never met a more wonderful band of real prayer warriors anywhere than Corona has, and prayer changes things. Our young people are praying through, some to salvation and some to a deeper consecration with God. We have some precious, talented young people in Corona and we thank God for each of them. To see their faces shine with the glory of God and taking their places in the services makes them more precious. We earnestly covet the prayers of all God's people.—Lula V. Milam, evangelist.

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BORGER, Tex. — We closed a very successful three weeks' revival here at the Borger church last night, March 2. Brother O. L. Crow started the revival, doing some wonderful preaching for two and a half weeks. He took sick and Brother G. W. Lane of Louisville, Ky., who was visiting relatives here, finished the revival.

God came down and blessed our souls in a wonderful way. Some nights the Holy Ghost took charge of the services and souls found God in the old time way. Praise the Lord. The saints were all drawn closer together and made to feel their responsibility more toward lost and dying humanity, with His great love being manifested among them by their love for one another.

We love Brother and Sister Crow here at Borger and we believe they can truthfully say with the Master, "We came to seek and to save that which was lost." There is a large field here which is ready to harvest. Pray for us, that we in the Church of God will continue to be united in one mind and one accord to

bring as many as we can to Christ before the night cometh when no man can work.—L. D. Ringo, clerk, Box 183.

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THOMASTON, Ga. — Thomaston, Ga., church just closed an old time revival with Brother S. C. Chambers as evangelist. There were twenty-five who testified to being saved, seventeen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Pray for us. — J. P. Green, pastor, 212 Wesley Ave.

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BASTIAN, Va.—We just closed a successful revival in which there were ten saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. Brother B. O. Graybeal of Bristol, Va., was the evangelist. Pray for us and our work here this year.—Willie Lyle, pastor.

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DRAKETOWN, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at the Church of God at Draketown with Brother Walter Porter as evangelist. One received the Holy Ghost and five were added to the church. We thank God for a minister like Brother Porter. Several are seeking the Lord. Pray for us.—H. L. Wrinkles, Rt. 2, Rockmart, Ga.

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WINDBAR, Pa.—We have opened a new work in Windbar, Pa. Brother Brady Dennis and wife were with us for three weeks. There was a number of experiences along with six receiving the Holy Ghost. There were some real shots of joy heard and experiences felt. Our crowds were great and interest increased. People from other churches came in and received the good blessings of the Lord. We organized a Sunday School there a few Sundays ago. Last evening, Feb. 15, we had the privilege of setting a church in order. Surely the Lord is good to us on the Somerset district.—Wm. F. Morris, district pastor.

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ROME, Ga.—We have just closed a gracious revival here with Brother Joseph Terlizzi doing the preaching. His messages were given out with power and inspiration. Deep and pungent conviction could be seen on the faces of the listeners. Brother Terlizzi is a very able speaker. The church was built up and deepened into God. He spoke twice a week over WRGA radio station and many words of appreciation were received from the listeners. Many people who were unsaved could not sleep. Some came to the parson-

age for prayer. We are still hearing of some who cannot sleep or rest and asking us to come and pray for them. There were twelve saved, nine sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost.—S. W. Latimer, pastor, 404 Pine St.

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KINGSPORT, Tenn.—Brother Messer of Lenoir City just closed a good revival here. The meeting ran for two weeks and there were seven saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, several reclaimed and the church greatly blessed. The church and friends here all love Brother Messer and want him to come back. Our Y. P. E. raised \$50.00 on our mission offering last week and have bought a nice Heatrola for the parsonage. Pray that God will give us many souls this year.—B. E. Ellis, pastor, 1249 Chestnut St.

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SHERIDAN, Wyo.—A series of special meetings for two weeks has just been concluded at Sheridan. Brother Donald E. Pearson was in charge. God blessed. Three souls were saved, some reclaimed and the saints renewed and encouraged.

This was the first revival in our new church building. Brother Pearson is only seventeen years old, but God uses him. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Pearson. We surely appreciate the efforts put forth by the Pearson evangelistic party in Wyoming.—Mrs. Charles Henthorn, Rt. 3.

Editorials

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are in the Army camps. We quote in part as follows: "Could there be an announcement placed in the Evangel requesting those who know of young men in Army camps, who would be interested in such a proposition, to write their names and the addresses of the camps to the Evangel? Perhaps there could then be a column set aside in the paper for publishing these names and through this means friends or relatives could inform the young men of others in their camp. The Evangel has been and still is one of the greatest means of uniting the great and widely flung Church of God. May it continue its great work."

The Evangel is ready to give space for names and addresses of those who are in the Army camps so that the boys may correspond with one another or others may correspond with them, giving them words of comfort and consolation. You may send these addresses to the Church of God Evangel, Cleveland, Tenn.

No one is ever so far from self and so near to God as when he has humbled his heart and submitted to the rule of the Holy Spirit.

Bible School Closes Most Successful Term



FACULTY

First column: R. R. Walker, A. B., principal; Mrs. Henrietta Green, secretarial science; Miss Vina Siler, high school; Mrs. Archie Swiger, Christian education; Miss Dora Myers, high school and piano.

Second column: Joy E. Bell, dean of men; Esther Holland, dean of women; L. T. Waters, manager of college cafeteria; Archie Swiger, superintendent of buildings and ground.

Third column: Owel Denson, music; Mrs. Elma Savchenko, accordion and voice; Miss Juanita Dixon, piano; Miss Colleen Huff, piano and Spanish; Harry Hatcher, instrumental.

REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT

The Church of God Bible Training School has had a successful history for twenty-three years. Each term has increased in enrollment as well as in every other line. Never has there been a student who completed the course but that he praised the school as the very best.

Hundreds of students who have attended the Bible Training School have repeatedly stated that it is different from any other school they ever attended. Such remarks as: "This is the best place I have ever been;" "The happiest years I ever spent were in the Bible Training School;" "The time I have spent in the Bible School has meant more to me than all the rest of my life together;" "I wish I could spend the rest of my life in the B. T. S.," are often heard among the students. One man said, "The Bible School has done for my boy, in three years, what his mother and I failed to do in seventeen."

TO BECOME COLLEGE

After twenty-three years of successful work as a Bible School, the Church has decided that its young people must have the advantage of college training in the same religious environment and atmosphere and under the same spiritual leadership as the Bible School has been conducted. Accordingly, in compliance with that discussion, the Bible Training School will become a college of liberal arts. All plans are being made for the first term to open September 8, 1941. A large enrollment is anticipated.